



City of Seattle

Department of Planning and Development
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**CITY OF SEATTLE
ANALYSIS AND DECISION OF THE DIRECTOR OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Application Number: 3013176
Applicant Name: City of Seattle Parks and Recreation
Address of Proposal: 2155 S Judkins St

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ACTION

Land Use Application to allow an 8,000 sq. ft. skate park facility with a 1,000 sq. ft. viewing area at Judkins Park. Project includes 500 cu. yds. to grading, new landscaping and a rain garden. Determination of Non-Significance prepared by the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation.

The following Master Use Permit components are required:

SEPA - For Conditions Only - (SMC Chapter 25.05)

SEPA DETERMINATION: ☐ Exempt ☒ DNS ☐ EIS

☐ DNS with conditions

☐ DNS involving non-exempt grading or demolition
or involving another agency with jurisdiction.

Environmental review resulting in a Threshold Determination is required pursuant to the Seattle State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), WAC 197-11, and the Seattle SEPA Ordinance (Seattle Municipal Code [SMC] Chapter 25.05). Public notice was published on April 12, 2012. The required public comment period ended on April 25, 2012.

***NOTE:** SEPA threshold determination issued February 22, 2012 by Seattle Parks and Recreation acting as lead agency.

BACKGROUND DATA

Site & Vicinity

Judkins Park is a multipurpose park in the Central Area of the city of Seattle. The six-block corridor of park land and Interstate 90 right of way includes picnic, play and sports fields---with large areas of open lawn for gatherings and organized activities such as football, soccer etc. The park is roughly divided into two sections, north and south. The south half, accessed from South Norman Street, includes a play area, a shelter, basketball courts, and tennis courts. The area north of Norman Street includes a shelter house, ball fields, play equipment and open lawns.

The southerly portion of the park lies on land owned by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) as part of the I-90 corridor. The entrance to the Mt. Baker tunnel is just to the east of the park. The basketball and tennis courts, pathways and open lawns, the I-90 trail and the site for the proposed skate park are all located south of S. Judkins St, on WSDOT land and leased to the city of Seattle for park facilities. Although steep slopes and former landfill areas lie within the overall park, no environmentally critical areas (ECA) occur where the skate park is proposed.

Proposal

Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation (DOPAR) proposes to construct an 8,000 sq. ft. concrete skate park facility and approximately 1,000 sq. ft. of viewing area with benches and ADA path connections. The skate park will be built at-grade and will not include any large bowls. The application includes the planting of 13 new trees, open turf areas and two bio-retention cells of 2,000 sq. ft. and 700 sq. ft. respectively with native plants. Approximately 500 cu. yds. of soil will be excavated during the construction process. New trees will be planted to separate the facility from the single family residents on S. Judkins St.

Public Comment

No comment letters were received from the public during the comment period, which ended on April 25, 2012.

ANALYSIS - SEPA (for conditions only)

The initial disclosure of the potential impacts from this project was made in the environmental checklist and threshold determination (dated March 15th, 2012) submitted by the applicant's agent. The information in the checklist, construction plans, supplemental information submitted by the applicant, and experience of the Department with the review of similar projects form the basis for this analysis and decision.

Short-term Impacts

The following temporary or construction-related impacts are expected: minor decreased air quality due to suspended particulates, hydrocarbon emissions from construction vehicles and equipment; increased traffic and demand for parking from construction equipment and personnel; increased noise; increased greenhouse gas emissions; and consumption of renewable

and non-renewable resources. All of these impacts are minor in scope and of short duration. Several adopted codes and/or ordinances provide mitigation for some of the identified impacts (such as the Stormwater, Grading and Drainage Control code and Street Use ordinance).

Traffic

Seattle Parks and Recreation has indicated that during construction dump trucks would deliver and haul materials away, and other trucks would deliver equipment and supplies. Removal of 800 cu. yds. of soil and importation of another 300 yards would occur. 23rd Ave S, a city arterial adjacent to the site, would provide direct access to I-90. No further mitigation pursuant to SEPA for this short term impact is warranted.

Long-term Impacts

Long-term or use related impacts are also anticipated from the proposal. These long-term impacts are not considered significant because they are minor in scope. Notwithstanding the determination of non-significance, the following impacts merit more detailed discussion.

DECISION - SEPA

This decision was made after review by the responsible official on behalf of the lead agency of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the responsible department. The intent of this declaration is to satisfy the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act (RCW 43.21.C), including the requirement to inform the public of agency decisions pursuant to SEPA.

CONDITIONS - SEPA

No conditions are warranted.

Signature: _____ (signature on file)
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Date: June 11, 2012

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